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“Method for detecting microorganisms in Products”

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under Serial Number PCT/DE99/01471 and was amended on August 18, 2000 (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56.

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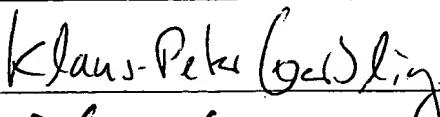
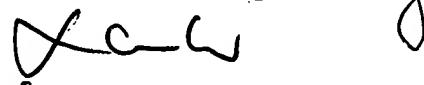
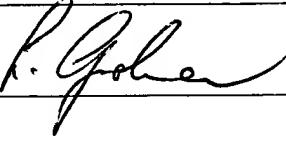
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